

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-06

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 INR-05 PM-03 EB-03 DODE-00 CIAE-00  
A-01 PER-01 SP-02 PRS-01 CPR-01 NSC-05 NSCE-00 PPT-01  
SCA-01 /045 W

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R 230909Z DEC 76  
FM USLO PEKING  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6980  
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, CH  
SUBJECT: INCIDENT OVER TWA TICKET ENVELOPES

1. MEMBERS OF AMBASSADOR GATES' FAMILY ARRIVING IN PEKING  
DECEMBER 22 HAD THEIR AIR TICKETS INSIDE TWA ENVELOPES.  
AMONG THE LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN FLAGS PRINTED ON TWA  
ENVELOPE, THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS PROMINENTLY  
DISPLAYED. ON SEEING THESE ENVELOPES PRC CUSTOMS  
OFFICIALS AT PEKING AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY PROCLAIMED THAT  
BRINGING THEM INTO PRC WAS AN INSULT TO PRC SOVEREIGNTY.  
AFTER A MINUTE OR TWO DISCUSSION IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR  
AND OTHER USLO OFFICER, ISSUE WAS SETTLED WITH CUSTOMS  
CONFISCATION AND DESTRUCTION OF THE OFFENDING ENVELOPES.

2. WHILE IT IS RARE FOR VISITORS TO PEKING TO STILL  
BE IN POSSESSION OF TWA TICKET ENVELOPES, SUGGEST  
DEPARTMENT INFORM TWA OF ABOVE INCIDENT AND  
LIKELIHOOD THAT PRC AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO  
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REACT IN THE SAME WAY TO TWA ENVELOPES HAVING PRESENT  
DESIGN.  
GATES

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## Message Attributes

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